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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

Project title and number:	Federal Fisheries Training School, Lagos (Supplementary Assistance)(NIR/76/019)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research
Date of approval:	September 1978
Estimated starting date for project operations:	1/
Duration:	2/
Estimated value of the Government input expressed in US dollars:	$4 853 700 (In kind)
Estimated UNDP additional contribution:	$209 200
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The total annual supply of fish in Nigeria is about 840,000 metric tons, out of which about 620,000 tons are produced locally and the rest imported into the country as frozen and canned fish. The present annual demand for fish is estimated at 1 million tons, but with the envisaged increase in the general standard of living in Nigeria, the demand is likely to increase to 1.5 million tons by 1980.

2. To achieve this target, the Third National Development Plan for the next five years, commencing from 1975-1976, proposed to have a three-prong approach by: (a) intensifying the existing artisanal fishing by mechanizing 1,100 canoes and operating them through 55 co-operatives; (b) intensifying the coastal fishing by introducing 50 new vessels, in the size range from 42 to 50 feet; and (c) expanding the existing fishing capacity by introducing 35 distant-water fishing vessels of more than 100 feet so that the country need not necessarily depend on the resources available only within its national zone.

1/ Project operations started in November 1976.

2/ Including the previous assistance the project duration will be 2 years and 4 months.

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3. More than 100 long-distance vessels and shrimp trawlers have been licensed and most of these vessels are being operated by international companies, mainly with international crews. The Federal Government and the State Government have recently incorporated fishing companies and these and the joint venture companies are required to replace the international crews with national crews under a phased programme.

4. One of the priority needs to develop the fishing capacity as envisaged in the Third National Plan is to train the required manpower not only to operate the vessels but also for the ancillary industry. The organization and development of the Federal Fisheries School is therefore a priority project to meet the manpower requirements.

5. During the next five years a number of vessels, as stated above are to be introduced into the fishing fleet. Accordingly it is estimated that the manpower requirements will be as follows: skippers - 60, mates - 115, coxwains - 180, engineers - 60, motormen - 180, and gear technicians - 25.

II. The project

6. Project operations started in 1976. The main emphasis of this project which is being implemented in conjunction with the Nigerian Institute of Oceanography and Research, is primarily training. This revision has become necessary because at the commencement of the project the basis infra-structure needed for the commencement of the school was not immediately available. The situation has now been remedied and Government is now prepared to put the project into full gear and have therefore requested FAO to recruit staff to fill the following positions and to include the same in the project document and budget as soon as possible before September 1978: project manager, marine engineer instructor, and master fisherman/fishing instructor. The Government also requested that necessary amendments be made to the budget of the project to enable the extension of the seamanship and navigation instructor's continuation with the project.

7. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
International staff	24.0	101 027	42.0	200 700	66.0	301 727
Support personnel		3 000		2 500		5 500
Official duty travel		6 396		2 000		8 396
Mission costs		9 000		-		9 000
Miscellaneous		4 003		4 000		8 003
		123 426		209 200		332 626

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